

TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR TURTLES

The Sea Turtle Conservancy would like to invite you to throw a Green Halloween party this year. It is a fun way to celebrate the holiday while keeping sea turtle conservation in mind.

Our House Party program encourages people to weave the theme of sea turtle and marine conservation into all their parties, including Halloween.

A Green Halloween party is a creative way to host an eco-friendly Halloween party for kids, family and friends. Below are some fun activities and tips to make your party environmentally friendly:

- Create your own turtle shell backpack costume. Tip: To make your party even more environmentally friendly encourage your guests to bring old clothes, curtains or any fabric material that can be reused to create turtle shell backpacks.
- Trick-or-treat with reusable bags.
- Hand out and serve organic candy and healthy treats that use as little packaging as possible.
- Use cups, plates, utensils and napkins made from recycled or sustainable materials. Tip: use products manufactured from corn resin or sugar-cane stalk. Items labeled "biodegradable" or "100 percent recycled content" are also sustainable.
- Buy your pumpkin from a local farmer's market or pumpkin patch.
- Serve guests with food that is in season: pumpkin, acorn squash, sweet potato, pears and apples.
- Make sure glass, paper and plastic products are recycled at the end of the party.
- Reuse all of your spooky Halloween decorations next year.

After the party is done and the last person is out the door, don't forget to use your organic cleaners to tidy up the house. Using organic products is a great way to reduce the amount of chemicals in your home and in the environment.

Planning and throwing environmentally-friendly parties helps you give back to the environment by educating guests about how simple it can be to live sustainably. Sea turtles are affected by garbage and debris in the ocean and need your help, no matter how far away from an ocean you are, to promote sustainability in order to give them a fighting chance.

Send us your Green Halloween party and marine-themed costume pictures and videos to newsletter@conserveturtles.org so we can showcase them on our website. Happy planning!